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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, MARCH 1987

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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year %	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. %
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE (a)										
Employed persons- full-time	'000	Feb 87	1,547.5	1,532.6	1,542.5	1,522.1	1,508.9	2.6	5,681.0	0.7
- total	'000	Feb 87	1,887.4	1,859.5	1,910.7	1,877.6	1,840.7	2.5	6,997.3	1.9
Unemployed persons looking for work										
- full-time	'000	Feb 87	119.8	121.4	120.6	104.0	113.5	5.6	581.3	6.8
- total	'000	Feb 87	150.0	142.0	149.2	127.2	144.2	4.0	699.8	6.3
Labour force	'000	Feb 87	2,037.4	2,001.5	2,059.8	2,004.8	1,984.9	2.6	7,697.1	2.2
Participation rate	per cent	Feb 87	62.6	61.6	63.5	61.9	62.2	0.6	62.2	0.0
Unemployment rate	per cent	Feb 87	7.4	7.1	7.2	6.3	7.3	1.4	9.1	4.6
Job vacancies	'000	Nov 86	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	15.1	-15.2	51.9	0.2
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Nov 86	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	1.56	-10.3	1.29	-0.8
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	Aug 86	415.60	407.20	401.20	396.30	387.90	7.1	418.90	8.0
- Males	\$	Aug 86	437.50	429.70	421.50	417.40	409.60	6.8	444.00	8.3
- Females	\$	Aug 86	368.30	359.80	358.40	351.40	343.40	7.3	363.60	7.4
All employees total earnings	\$	Aug 86	374.80	374.80	370.10	365.50	354.90	5.6	373.70	7.4
- Males	\$	Aug 86	429.50	425.70	423.50	421.30	407.10	5.5	437.20	8.5
- Females	\$	Aug 86	294.50	297.10	290.50	283.80	279.10	5.5	282.90	6.8
CONSUMER PRICES (b)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100)-										
Food	index	Dec qr 86	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	10.2	156.0	8.9
Clothing	index	Dec qr 86	151.3	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	9.7	152.2	10.2
Housing	index	Dec qr 86	173.9	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	7.5	163.1	7.2
Household equipment & operation	index	Dec qr 86	161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	8.1	160.3	7.4
Transportation	index	Dec qr 86	164.5	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	12.3	171.9	11.8
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec qr 86	176.8	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	10.0	180.2	10.7
Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 86	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	18.4	153.6	18.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 86	142.1	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	10.0	139.1	9.0
All groups	index	Dec qr 86	162.9	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	10.2	161.5	9.8
RETAIL SALES (excl motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Dec 86	1,714.0	1,267.0	1,280.7	1,178.4	1,534.0	11.7	6,428.0	9.4
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Dec 86	33	35	38	43	33	0.0	132	-9.6
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Dec 86	236	278	291	268	194	21.6	nya	nya
Plastics & synthetic resins	tonnes	Dec 86	32,573	36,517	41,240	37,231	45,873	-29.0	53,433	-0.3
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Dec 86	3,505	3,329	3,420	3,058	2,904	20.7	3,674	11.0
Cars & station wagons	'000	Dec 86	13.4	16.9	18.0	18.8	14.5	-7.6	21.3	-10.5
Yarns- Cotton	tonnes	Dec 86	617	835	1,027	927	659	-6.4	1,358	8.8
- Wool	tonnes	Dec 86	1,262	1,456	1,586	1,387	1,133	11.4	1,649	2.6
Woven fabric- Cotton	'000 sq.m	Dec 86	1,401	1,568	2,115	1,733	1,530	-8.4	2,465	9.7
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Dec 86	255	357	443	281	244	4.5	669	-1.9
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Dec 86	6,363	7,274	8,199	6,602	4,738	34.3	13,054	20.5
Electricity	million kWh	Dec 86	2,292	2,325	2,484	2,463	2,238	2.4	10,338	6.3
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Nov 86	1,194.0	1,235.1	1,329.5	1,145.0	965.7	23.6	2,588.8	-3.2
Exports (excl re-exports)	\$m	Nov 86	619.4	561.0	602.0	496.7	714.8	-13.3	2,728.7	-3.2
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Jan 87	1,758	2,486	2,442	2,700	2,195	-19.9	6,145	-22.2
New other dwellings	No.	Jan 87	319	445	445	492	321	-0.6	1,647	-22.3
Value of all building	\$m	Jan 87	336.9	384.4	366.6	346.7	294.6	14.4	1,124.5	-6.7
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Sep qr 86	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	8,090	-15.5	23,350	-23.1
Value of new houses	\$m	Sep qr 86	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	462.7	-3.7	1,385.4	-15.3
New other residential buildings	No.	Sep qr 86	1,352	1,150	1,385	1,695	1,722	-21.5	7,582	-15.0
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Sep qr 86	57.9	47.9	56.6	68.1	68.7	-15.7	364.8	-5.3
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Sep qr 86	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	447.1	95.5	2,862.9	38.4
Value of all building	\$m	Sep qr 86	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	1,053.1	38.6	4,885.0	12.6
Work done in period	\$m	Sep qr 86	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	1,149.1	6.3	4,536.9	6.2
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS- (c)										
House building (1966-67=100)	index	Dec 86	105.4	105.2	105.0	103.9	99.8	5.6	105.6	5.8
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Dec 86	176.9	176.3	176.0	174.8	164.8	7.3	179.9	7.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jan 87	10,990	8,303	10,135	11,916	12,182	-9.8	33,341	-23.3
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Jan 87	9,419	7,106	8,642	10,043	10,112	-6.9	27,568	-18.1
Motor cycles	No.	Jan 87	1,571	1,197	1,493	1,873	2,070	-24.1	5,773	-41.1
	No.	Jan 87	471	370	573	536	698	-32.5	1,723	-42.2
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Jan 87	17,579	17,696	17,346	17,250	14,751	19.2	45,669	16.8
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Jan 87	4,639	4,493	4,318	4,449	3,824	21.3	15,816	15.8
Fixed deposits	\$m	Jan 87	8,018	7,928	8,131	8,344	8,177	-1.9	29,375	-2.1
Advances	\$m	Jan 87	13,337	13,110	12,894	12,869	10,562	26.3	43,929	14.2
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Jan 87	23,340	29,478	25,497	29,890	20,546	13.6	100,242	32.6
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Dec 86	361.2	333.7	385.4	321.9	279.1	29.4	1,141.2	29.0
Savings banks	\$m	Dec 86	300.5	283.3	327.0	268.4	195.9	53.4	820.1	84.7
Trading banks	\$m	Dec 86	24.1	19.9	20.8	16.8	28.5	-15.4	97.0	-23.3
Permanent building societies	\$m	Dec 86	21.0	18.4	22.0	20.8	28.0	-25.0	157.4	-26.6
Other lenders	\$m	Dec 86	15.7	12.1	15.7	15.8	26.7	-41.2	66.8	-33.1
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 86	1,048	1,311	1,239	1,221	889	17.9	4,261	19.8
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 86	379	478	444	352	249	52.2	1,055	34.6
New building and structures	\$m	Mar qr 86	418	518	512	584	370	13.0	1,571	-2.4
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Mar qr 86	203	326	255	272	200	1.5	1,263	40.5
	\$m	Mar qr 86	845	985	983	949	689	22.6	2,998	12.8

(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.